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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-41. (canceled).

42. (currently amended) An apparatus for permitting a user to send a broadcast message via a sending device to a first recipient and a second recipient, the sending device either addressable over a data network or addressable over a telephone network connected to the data network, the first recipient having a first receiving device addressable over the data network and the second recipient having a second receiving device addressable over the telephone network, the apparatus comprising:

a message router, configured to receive parse recipient addresses received in the broadcast message from the sending device over the data network if the sending device is addressable over the data network and over the telephone network via the data network connected to the telephone network if the sending device is addressable over the telephone network, the message router configured to translate the received broadcast message into a translated first broadcast message and a translated second broadcast, the translated first broadcast message being in a format compatible with the first receiving device for delivery to the first receiving device over the data network, the translated second broadcast message being in a format compatible with the second receiving device for delivery to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network, the message router configured to embed a telephone number that corresponds to the second receiving device within the translated second broadcast message, the message router configured for routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network and configured for routing the translated second broadcast message embedded with the telephone number to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network.

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43. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

44. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the first receiving device is a computer having an IP address, the IP address corresponding to the first recipient.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in text format as an email, or as a fax, or as a text file.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a telephone and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a facsimile machine and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format as a facsimile.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 43, wherein the second receiving device is a pager and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

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51. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the first receiving device is a computer having an IP address, the IP address corresponding to the first recipient.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in text format as an email, or as a fax, or as a text file.

53. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the translated first broadcast message is delivered to the first recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a telephone and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in voice format as an electronic voice file.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a facsimile machine and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format as a facsimile.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein the second receiving device is a pager and wherein the translated second broadcast message is delivered to the second recipient in text format.

57. (previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 42, wherein the message router selects a format of the translated first broadcast message and a format of the translated second broadcast message for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

58. (canceled)

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59. (canceled)

60. (currently amended) A method for permitting a user to send a broadcast message via a sending device to a first recipient and a second recipient, the sending device either addressable over a data network or addressable over a telephonic network connected to the data network, the first recipient having a first receiving device addressable over the data network and the second recipient having a second receiving device addressable over the telephone network, the method comprising:

parsing in a router recipient addresses received in ~~receiving~~ the broadcast message from the sending device over the data network if the sending device is addressable over the data network and over the telephone network via the data network if the sending device is addressable over the telephone network;

translating the received broadcast message into a translated first broadcast message and a translated second broadcast message, the translated first broadcast message being in a format compatible with the first receiving device for delivery to the first receiving device over the data network, the translated second broadcast message being in a format compatible with the second receiving device for delivery to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network;

embedding a telephone number that corresponds to the second receiving device within the translated second broadcast message;

routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network; and

routing the translated second broadcast message embedded with the telephone number to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network.

61. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

62. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

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63. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 60, wherein routing includes selecting a format of the translated first broadcast message and a format of the translated second broadcast message for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

64. (canceled)

65. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for:

parsing in a router recipient addresses received in receiving a broadcast message from a sending device over a data network if the sending device is addressable over the data network and over a telephone network via the data network if the sending device is addressable over the telephone network;

translating the received broadcast message into a translated first broadcast message and a translated second broadcast message, the translated first broadcast message being in a format compatible with a first receiving device addressable over the data network the translated second broadcast message being in a format compatible with a second receiving device addressable over the telephone network;

embedding a telephone number that corresponds to the second receiving device within the translated second broadcast message;

routing the translated first broadcast message to the first receiving device over the data network; and

routing the translated second broadcast message embedded with the telephone number to the second receiving device over the telephone network via the data network.

66. (previously presented) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein the broadcast message is originated in voice form.

67. (previously presented) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein the broadcast message is originated in text form.

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68. (previously presented) The medium as recited in claim 65, wherein routing includes selecting a format of the translated first broadcast message and a format of the translated second broadcast message for delivery according to receiving capabilities of the first and second receiving devices.

69. (canceled)